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We shall no more desist than
Washington did in his most perilous
hour.
M. Jusserand.

The Place for the Censor

Optimism, conjecture, prophecy and forced construction of dispatches distinguish the war news which comes from Washington. There, in the national capital, would seem to be the most truthful place for the censor if he really wanted to make himself useful. The war news from this source has long been of such a character, a camouflage of what has happened, general and particular, as to what is going to be done, concealing as to reverses, that all the world knew had taken place, that it has long since come to be disregarded by even moderately careful observers.

If such stuff were served up from some other source it would not be so bad. But coming from the national capital it is easily supposed that it has some official inspiration. It is patent to the dullest reader, that it is not information. It is equally patent that it has no other object than to make the American people feel good. Whisky or morphine for a time has a pleasing effect.

Here for instance is a sample of the news which was presented yesterday morning:

More submarines were destroyed by the allies and American naval forces in December than Germany was able to build during that month, according to information reaching Washington. This fact developed today in discussions of the statement made to parliament on Tuesday by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British admiralty, that the submarines were being checked.

In the first place, this was not news. It relates to a matter which had been published from the original source sixty hours before. Moreover it was a misstatement of the utterance of Sir Eric Geddes who said, "For some time, we believe we and the Americans have been sinking the submarines as fast as they are built." As a matter of fact, that can be nothing more than a belief. It is possible that the submarines are being destroyed as fast as they are being built, but there is no way of knowing that, so that Sir Eric could only believe it, but belief is not very convincing unless the statement of it is accompanied by some reason for believing. There was no such accompanying statement.

Another vague bit of information in the Washington dispatch was:

What officials know of plans for pressing the attack with increasing vigor, explains the feeling of optimism that prevails in official circles, despite continued heavy drains on ship tonnage through the U-boats. The gradual decline in tonnage losses was graphically pictured to parliament by Sir Eric with curve charts.

The redeeming feature of this morsel is that we have become familiar with it by long association. Ever since we engaged in the war there was a "then on." Eggs of mystery were hatching. That none of them yet have been proved to be fertile is no sign that there will not some time be a brood of achievements.

As to Sir Eric's curves, they are like so much of our war work—on paper. However satisfying they may be to the eye they have no apparent relation in fact to the weekly destruction of tonnage which for the last four consecutive weeks has gone on, on a level higher than that of the previous month.

We know, and we wish there was some power to convince these compliers, that the American people do not like to be humbugged in matters of so great seriousness. It is no time for "kidding." We do not think the English people like this sort of stuff, either. We would all rather see the seamy side. We are neither children, nor are we cowards, afraid to face the truth. It is darkness, concealment, mystery that make cowards.

On the same day there was another dispatch—this one from London, stating that merchant ships were being sunk faster than they were being built. In it this statement appears:

Baron Inchausti, complaining of what he termed the unpromising outlook, said that not a sound had been heard along the Clyde since noon last Saturday. It might be, he suggested, that no war was going on and that no warships or destroyers to hunt submarines were required. He said he thought more information about shipping losses might be given the people to make them appreciate the gravity of the situation, adding:

"Our tonnage is being sunk at a rate of which the people have no conception. There is a curious lack of realization in many parts of the country as to the grave situation with which we are faced."

We would ask of a sensible reader which of these statements bears the stamp of truth and fact. Which one is more calculated to arouse the people to action?

The Case of Mooney

Thomas J. Mooney convicted of participation in the San Francisco Preparedness Day outrage will probably not be hanged, though the only man who can now save him is the governor of California. Nothing more can be done for him in the courts. A part of the testimony against him was probably worthless and perjured, but the courts have found that the rest was sufficiently convincing as well as convicting. But whatever may happen to Mooney, can furnish to organized labor no excuse for a country-wide strike in the way of protest. There would have been such an outrageous proposal even if testimony against him had not been clouded by the flimsiest vapor.

Organized labor has frequently done itself incalculable harm by its blind loyalty to criminal leaders. There was, we remember, a suggestion for a country-wide strike in case the McNamaras should be convicted. Probably the suggestion would have been acted upon if those unspeakable miscreants had not confessed their guilt.

If we knew that the Masonic lodge or the Presby-

terian church or any religious or secular organization should attempt to shield a member against the consequences of a crime, we would detect that organization and organized labor would join us in that detection.

No organization can afford to stand by a criminal member. It cannot afford to insist that a member suspected of crime shall be shielded against punishment for crime. When it does such a thing there naturally attaches to it a popular suspicion that it is itself a criminal organization.

It would be monstrous, especially at this time, if a strike of protest should be instituted to interfere with our progress in the war.

Daylight Saving Plan

A bill is pending in the house to establish the daylight saving system throughout the United States. This measure provides that the clocks of the country shall be advanced one hour at 2 a. m. on the last Sunday in March and put turned back again until the last Sunday in October.

A unanimous report for the passage of the bill has been made by the interstate and foreign commerce committee.

The senate already has passed a similar bill which provides for the operation of the system for five months of the year instead of seven as does the house bill.

This system has been generally adopted in the countries of Europe and has proved a success. It is attended with more complications here because of the vast distances and the consequent differences in time. The difficulties are not serious, however, and will inconvenience no one seriously.

The bill provides that the interstate commerce commission shall issue the order making the change. The time for this change, 2 a. m. eastern time, Sunday, was chosen as the day for making the change because at that time practically all business throughout the country is at a standstill.

Under the proposed plan, on the morning of April 1 when you get up at 7 by the clock you will really be rising at the eminently respectable hour of 6, as your clock will be an hour fast.

Likewise when you quit work at 5 on the new system it will really only be 4, and you will have something like five hours of daylight after you end your day's work.

And all because the clocks have been advanced an hour. It is estimated that this will save millions.

The food administrator has put out of business the Barry Banff company of New York for profiteering. The head of this concern was known in his life time as the poultry king. We suppose his company may be the poultry empire. Anyway it controlled the poultry business in that jurisdiction. Now, as an empire, it is one with Russia. That is the best way to deal with profiteers, big and little. Put them out of business during the war. That will open the way for honest men and will make other profiteers act like honest men.

John Barleycorn knows what "descensus faciliis Averni" means. He is going down on greased ways. It is a continuous toboggan slide for him.

The rain is slightly unseasonable, but none the less welcome in the valleys or on the ranges.

WAGING WAR WITH WASTE

As in many other things in this war, it must be admitted that Germany set the pace in conservation when she collected in one year thousands of tons of fruit-stones, and also induced the peasants to grow sunflowers that the oil might be extracted from the stones and seeds. Taking a hint from the enemy, England began a systematic overhauling of cellars and garrets, and, says the London Daily Mail:

"In Islington, for example, over 100,000 empty bottles were collected, realizing £460, which purchased a motor-ambulance for the front. This collection was copied by Wandsworth and Gipsy Hill, and each locality realized about £100. Horsham, it is said, collected with Devon town as to which should collect the greater quantity of silver paper. Birmingham seems to have been particularly appreciative of ordinary paper and cardboard, and so active have been the steps taken by the corporation that, with the aid of the dustmen and baling-presses, the amount recovered has risen from 400 to 1,000 tons per annum. Preston and Edinburgh may also be mentioned as two centers where waste-paper has received special attention. It is estimated that the Kingdom might easily provide annually some 200,000 tons, which would mean a million sterling from this source alone."

"The latest campaign is that of Holborn, which is on the lookout for old pots and pans. Some centers collect sphagnum moss and wild thyme, others dandelion and foxglove roots; in some parts the school-children rather horse-chestnuts for the director of propellant supplies, and acorns for the local pigeries; in others these are allowed to rot under the trees."

ALABAMA GETS LABOR POSITION



John W. Abercrombie.

John W. Abercrombie, formerly congressman from Alabama, has been appointed solicitor of the department of labor by President Wilson.

ROAD TO FRANCE IS OPENED FOR CRAFT WORKERS

"The opportunity for which so many drafted and eligible men have been looking," said M. T. Weyant, head of the local draft board yesterday, "has come. In talking with hundreds of the loyal youths of this state, many have expressed a wish that the overseas trip might be made immediately, without the necessity of spending several months in a mobilization camp—now this is possible to the trained man."

Weyant requests that anyone that believes themselves qualified under the given ruling, make application to the local board headquarters.

In a letter received by the local board yesterday from Thomas J. Croaff, federal state director, he stated that 25 trained men for overseas duty were desired at once.

The war department in conjunction with the United States public service reserve has requested me to furnish 25 men from Arizona for induction or enlistment in the engineers corps for overseas duty at once.

I am enclosing you herewith a statement showing qualifications of men wanted. These men should be between 20 and 40 years of age. Those of draft age will be inducted into the service and those outside of the draft age will be enlisted. The war department will take these men on our recommendation and it is important that none but competent men be secured. This call offers a splendid opportunity for men of proper qualifications to do their best service in war.

Men of draft age properly qualified may be inducted into this service up to the moment they receive orders to go to camp.

May I ask you to furnish me the names and addresses of the best qualified men for this service that are registered with you for military service.

I would appreciate your very earliest response in order that the men furnished through this reserve may be attached to the 49th and the 36th engineers, both of which regiments will be ordered for overseas duty at once.

The following are the qualifications necessary to enlistments in these regiments: Track supervisors, rank of sergeant. Usual qualifications of men holding this position. Must be first-class extra gang foremen or assistant supervisors of any railroad in the United States.

Coopers. Ordinary qualifications pertaining to a cooperage gang in any steamship or railway terminal. They will be required to re-head barrels, repair boxes, and sew up bags and other things pertaining to repairing damage to baggage or freight.

Gearmen. To do light blacksmith work, splice wire and Manila cables. Repair blocks. All kinds of work in connection with rig gang tackle and repairing stevedors' tools and equipment.

Car inspectors to make light car repairs. Assist in readjusting loads. Pass on fitness of cars before leaving terminal territory.

Motive power clerks. Experienced in keeping records of the mileage of equipment, and any statistical records in connection therewith.

Railway bill clerks, each having had at least one year's experience in railroad ticket office as freight bill clerk. Railway statistical clerks. Each having had at least one year's experience in handling accounts either in division superintendent's office or auditor's office.

Railway report clerks. Each having worked at least one year in an agent's office, handling reports, or in superintendent's office, or office of superintendent of transportation.

Railway file clerks. Each having had at least one year's experience filing records, either in an agent's office, superintendent's office, or general manager's office or general manager's office.

Railway ticket agents. Each having at least one year's experience selling tickets at stations, or from offices in main cities preferred.

Railway mail clerks. Each of whom has worked at least one year in yardmaster's office as mail clerk.

Stenographers, with experience in railway offices.

Cooks.

MEXICO REQUESTED TO CHANGE OIL TAX

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Mexico has been requested by the American government to delay enforcement of and reconsider its decree of last February 22, imposing the heavier taxes on oil producers and cancellers of leases made since April 20, 1917. Both American and English operators in the Mexican fields have protested that the new tax virtually is confiscatory.

As a large part of the oil supply for the British naval forces comes from Mexico, any interruption of the output would be a serious obstacle in the conduct of the war against the central powers. Consequently both the United States and Great Britain regard the new decree as a subject for diplomatic representation, particularly in view of the report that Mexican officials are determined to enforce it immediately.

Ambassador Fletcher at Mexico City is understood to have included this subject in the list of pending questions requiring decision before there can be an agreement between the two governments for a freer exchange of foodstuffs and other commodities which Mexico needs.

CHANCELLOR ASKED TO ANSWER SPEECH

AMSTERDAM, March 8.—Some of the German papers, commenting on Lord Lansdowne's latest letter, urge the imperial German chancellor to reply in the Reichstag and demand whether Lord Lansdowne speaks for himself or at the request of Premier Lloyd George.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung says the letter shows that the English people are beginning to feel the consequences of the Russian and Rumanian peace and would like peace "before it is too late."

The Rheinische Westfaelische Zeitung considers Lord Lansdowne "too clever" in wishing to pacify Germany with paper guarantees regarding Belgium, while Germany needs real guarantees.

MEN IN SERVICE TO SUFFER NO LOSSES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Soldiers and sailors who have been buying Southern Pacific railroad company lands on the installment plan need not worry about their payments until the war is over, according to a statement issued Thursday by B. A. McAllister, land commissioner for the company.

These purchasers, Mr. McAllister said, would have nine months after the termination of the war in which to resume their obligations. This applied, he said, both to principal and interest. Mr. McAllister explained the time extension plan as follows:

"The company enters into a supplemental agreement with the purchaser under the terms of which his payments, as they become due, automatically are extended until either the end of the war, or until the termination of his service. All that the purchaser has to do is to apply to us within the ninety days thereafter, and the date will be fixed; within nine months when the first of his deferred payments will fall due, the others to follow a year apart in their original sequence."

REVOLUTIONISTS CAUGHT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 8.—All the leaders in the recent rising in various parts of Costa Rica have been captured with the exception of Fernandez Geell. According to a government announcement they will be compelled to defray the expenses of the expeditionary troops who were mustered out to put down the movement. Meanwhile, they have been given their freedom.

STEERS BRING NOTABLE PRICE

Cattle buyers at the big Kansas City stock yards were given something to look at and to talk about last Monday morning when a trainload of Arizona steers, sold on that market brought a price that was a record and advertised this state in a manner to make any stockraising state envious. The steers, twelve carloads of them, came from Phoenix and had been consigned by John R. Norton and Son. The 347 head sold on the market for \$12 a hundred pounds and brought a total of \$42,014.12. The cattle averaged 1,033 pounds.

Only 60 days feeding with Arizona alfalfa were all that were required to prepare these steers for market, according to Mr. Norton. During the past year he has shipped from Phoenix about 1,000 head of steers to the Kansas City market. Previous to this last shipment the highest price Mr. Norton has received for Arizona steers on that market was \$10.50 which was for a shipment made last November.

MISS NEELEY TALKS TO GILBERT WOMEN

GILBERT, March 8.—The Women's Improvement club of Gilbert held their monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon in the domestic science room. Miss Imogene Neely of Phoenix was present at this meeting and gave a very interesting address on food conservation, especially meats and fats. She demonstrated serving a most palatable as well as nourishing. She also gave instructions and demonstrated the making of bread, using three parts flour and one part corn meal, which proved to be good. About 60 persons attended this meeting and listened to Miss Neely's instructions on the conservation of the articles so much needed by our

—tho we're not thru with our remodeling, our stock is arranged so we can give our regular quick and satisfactory service at

Clyde's
STORE OF LUXE
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

COME IN!

COYOTE TRACKS



Foreign Languages Play

The foreign languages play program this year, will be a one act drama by the Spanish department, one by the Latin department and another by the French department.

The price of admission will cover all three of the productions, all being given in succession during the same night.

University Week as Usual

University week, this year, will be much the same as all previous years. There are a few additions and a few changes in the old list of contests. There will be no musical contest. The typewriting and shorthand contests will be for beginners only, and military drill will be taken in as a regular contest.

The week will begin Tuesday, April 16, and end April 19.

Glee Club to Present Comedy

The high school glee club, under the direction of Miss Walsh, the music teacher, will produce the popular opera, "The Bohemian Girl," April 5 and 6.

The success of the last opera put on by the glee club, "The Mikado," should assure the making of a hit in "The Bohemian Girl," as Miss Walsh

army. She will meet with the club once each month.

The community federation of Gilbert met last night at the school auditorium. The various committees are reporting ready for duty. It is anticipated that this club will greatly benefit the community and furnish valuable entertainment for all. The officers are: E. R. Wilbur, president; E. B. Cordell, vice-president; H. W. Sawyer, secretary and J. S. Allen, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eddy were called to California by the death of Mr. Eddy's father.

C. D. Gibbs shipped 1,000 white leghorn chicks from Los Angeles a few days ago.

H. H. Lacy and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Smelser passed through Gilbert enroute to Florence and Tucson last Sunday, returning Wednesday. Mr. Lacy is taking a short period of his time to visit his parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Simpson of Shelby, Ohio, are visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hoffman and family. They are also looking over the country with a view of locating here. Mrs. Simpson is a niece of Mrs. Hoffman. Jack Shultz bought a Dort Coup-

has proven her ability to direct and prepare the musical number.

Hi-Y Number Soon

The next number on the Hi-Y lecture course will be Thomas Brooks Fitch.

Junior-Senior Banquet

The Junior-Senior banquet is scheduled to take place April 24. The most of the proceeds from the junior class play will go toward defraying the expenses of the affair.

Urge Have Photo Taken

The editor of the annual makes a fervent appeal to the four teachers of the faculty who have not as yet had their photos taken for the annual. The work must go on swiftly now, and the staff is greatly worried over the delinquency of the above mentioned four members.

Junior Class Harry "Mad"

When informed that his name had been published in a well known publication of Phoenix, Junior Class Harry, the famed "comptroller of junior destinies" flew off the handle, and is alleged to have gone and told on the vile publisher. Harry is well known for his happy way of taking trouble.

try club roster recently.

Loren Shultz is absent from school with symptoms of appendicitis.

Charles M. Hoffman and family, Dr. and Mrs. Simpson and W. H. Lacy and wife motored to Granite Reef Sunday.

GLENN METCALF SEEN IN MOVIES

Glenn Metcalf, the son of Dr. Garland B. Couch made his first appearance in this city as a motion picture star, the latter part of this week, when a close up of himself appeared in the Pathé News Weekly at the Hip theater.

The young man was first discovered by a high school pupil, who while attending the show, by chance discovered his old friend. If possible, the real will be shown again soon, for the benefit of Glenn's many Phoenix friends. He was a graduate of the Phoenix high school in the class of 1917.

A PATRIOT'S PROGRAM

BUY THRIFT STAMPS
BUY LIBERTY BONDS
SAVE FOOD AND FUEL
REDUCE LUXURIES
PAY YOUR INCOME TAX

DONATE TO THE RED CROSS AND Y. M. C. A., ETC.

And when you do all this, don't pull a long face.
Winning this war calls for sacrifices. Let's make them gladly.
Be a Cheerful Patriot.

THE VALLEY BANK

Phoenix, Arizona

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN?
ONLY 22 DAYS LEFT.